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ZAMPERINI NAMED ALL-SCHOLASTIC MILER

TORRANCE BOY FEATURED IN WORLD-WIDE DISPATCHES

Associated Press Story This Week Includes Local World's Champion In Selected List of Track Men; Four Californians On All-Scholastic Team

Louis Zamperini, world's champion high school miler, who flashed into the limelight last spring when he topped a record that had stood for 17 years, has been named on the All-Scholastic team along with three other California boys who made good in sports.

His name appears in Spalding's 1935 Athletic Almanac, and will probably stay there for some time, unless someone at this time unknown rises up to snatch away Louis's crown.

Selections are made annually by Daniel J. Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union. Ferris' selections also include all-college and all-American teams.

Four Californians

The complete list of high school students who have made the roll of honor are:

100-yard run, Robert McGuire, Polytechnic H. S., San Francisco; 220-yard run, O. Mathews, Chickasha (Oklahoma) H. S.; 440-yard run, Horace Taylor, Luling (Texas) H. S.; 880-yard run, Douglas Raymond, Huntington (Massachusetts) H. S.; one-mile run, Louis Zamperini, Torrance (California) H. S.; 120-yard high hurdles and 80-yard low hurdles, Roy Kirkpatrick, El Centro (California) H. S.; running broad jump, Don Skinner, Manual Arts H. S., Los Angeles; pole vault, Dalton Landers, Arkansas City (Kansas) H. S.; 12-pound shot, Daniel Taylor, New Utrecht H. S., Brooklyn; 12-pound hammer, J. Frost, Mercersburg (Pennsylvania) Academy; discus throw, Francis Hardwick, Parks (Nebraska) H. S.; javelin throw, D. C. O'Neill, Yoakum (Texas) H. S.

So far as California is concerned, the high school boys did as well as the college athletes. In the All-College selection, four California men placed, Sam Klipstock, of Stanford, in the 800 country run; Walter Marty, Fresno, running high jump; Olson, Southern California, running broad jump; Gordon Dunn, Stanford, discus throw. Marty is also placed on the All-American team, as a representative of the Olympic Club, San Francisco.

Important Publicity

Whether Torrance realizes it or not, this recognition of Louis Zamperini, as the leading high school miler in the United States, means a lot to the community. It means that the City of Torrance will be mentioned in world-wide dispatches every time that Louis goes out for a major track meet. When he won his championship last summer, a Torrance resident on a visit to the old country read about his performance in a daily newspaper of that foreign land. Every other follower of sports in this and every other country in the world read about the black-haired, smiling youth from Torrance, a little city that is practically unknown outside of a radius of a hundred miles or so, or was until Zamperini put it on the world map of sport. During 1935 and 1936, Louis will be in the news. His hopes of being selected as a representative of the United States on the next Olympic team which will compete in Berlin are well known. The question is, will Torrance appreciate the world-wide publicity that may be obtained, and get behind this lad to see that his hopes are realized. What a break for Torrance to be known as the home town of an Olympic champion. There is much to be done in the way of preliminary contests before that vision is realized and it is up to Torrance sport lovers to get behind this boy and help him make it come true.

COUNTY PAYS RENT FOR CONSTABLE OFFICE

Payment of \$49 to the Lomita Development Company for rental of a room used by the Lomita township constable for several months in 1934 was voted by the board of supervisors this week. The room was located at 2172 Lomita boulevard. It has been vacated and all records removed when the consolidation of townships took place January 7.

NIGHT POLICE OFFICER HAS NECK INJURY

Fred Spehger Falls From Roof At the New Revolver Range; Seriously Hurt

J. Fred Spehger, 1307 Portola, was taken to the Cedars of Lebanon hospital, Los Angeles, yesterday morning, where he will receive treatment for a dislocated neck, an injury he sustained Monday when he fell from the roof of a small building.

On arrival at the uptown hospital, Spehger's head and neck were placed in a leather harness with a 15-pound weight attached, and it is believed that within a short time the vertebrae will be adjusted and his complete recovery will soon be accomplished. He was resting more easily last night.

Spehger, in company with several members of the Revolver and Rifle Association, was at work at the new range, which the police department is establishing near the brick yard south of Plaza del Amo. He and Percy Bennett were putting on a tar paper roof. They had laid one strip of the paper overlapping the edge and extending out from the roof for several inches, which overlap was to be turned under to make the roof tight. As Spehger was moving towards the side of the roof he put his left hand down on this extended edge, not noticing that he had over-reached the frame support, and fell to the ground, a distance of about 12 feet.

He alighted on his head and shoulder, which twisted his neck so that the upper vertebrae were dislocated.

Spehger was taken to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, where X-ray pictures showed a fracture of the vertebrae dangerously near to the thin layer of bone which forms the lower part of the skull. Physicians here who attended him advised that he be placed in the hands of specialists, and a prominent physician of Los Angeles was called who ordered him taken to the Los Angeles hospital where Spehger will be under his daily care.

According to witnesses, George Dolton, who had been clearing up the ground around the small house, which will be used by the association members as a shelter while practicing, escaped being injured also, as he had just vacated the spot where Spehger fell. Had he been below, the impact of Spehger's body no doubt would have seriously injured both men.

Mr. Spehger is a member of the police department, on night duty, and is very popular with his fellow officers and the public. His many friends in Torrance hope that he will soon recover from his dangerous injury and be able to return to duty.

Torrance Memorial Hospital



—Photo by Hag & Hag

Rated "Class A" Hospital By American College of Surgeons

Accredited as a "Class A" hospital by the American College of Surgeons, the Torrance Memorial Hospital is indeed an institution of which this district can well be proud. Among its modern facilities are: Complete X-ray, both portable for bedside treatment as well as stationary equipment of the latest type; complete laboratory running all tests including pregnancy and Kahn tests and blood chemistry; two surgical rooms, one for minor operations and another for major cases; lying-in room, where obstetrical and other types of cases are given preliminary treatment preparatory to entering the surgical rooms; fully equipped emergency room; two large solariums for convalescent patients, 50 beds in small wards and private rooms.

Management of the Torrance Memorial Hospital since its construction ten years ago has been ably executed by Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent. Prior to coming to Torrance, Miss Maxwell was assistant superintendent at Community Hospital, Long Beach. During the World War, Miss Maxwell served overseas in the Red Cross and was decorated by the French government for distinguished service. Only graduate nurses who are registered in the State of California are permitted to work at the Torrance Memorial Hospital, and as a result the institution has an unusually efficient and highly trained corps.

While the hospital is appreciated by physicians and surgeons for its modern equipment and efficiently trained personnel, perhaps the characteristic which the patient remembers longest is the friendly and cheerful atmosphere which permeates the entire institution. On every tray of food there is always a bouquet of flowers, and personal attention is given to individual desires.

HOSPITAL SERVES MANY COMMUNITIES

The importance of the Torrance Memorial Hospital to this entire district is shown by the following tabulation of cases handled during the past year from the various communities:

CITY	Number of Persons Treated
Torrance	258
Redondo	212
Lomita	108
Hermosa and Manhattan	63
Gardena	87
Wilmingford and Harbor City	46

172 other persons, principally emergency cases, were treated from the following cities: Palms Verde, Compton, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, San Pedro, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Hollywood, Long Beach, Sawtelle, Santa Monica, Santa Ana, and the Navy.

Local Men Attend Moffitt Luncheon

In the hope of securing helpful information in solving the acute housing shortage in Torrance, a number of local citizens today attended the luncheon and conference in honor of James A. Moffitt, federal housing administrator, at the Biltmore, Los Angeles. In the Torrance delegation were L. J. Gilmister, J. C. Smith, C. T. Rippy, DeKalb Spurlin and Grover C. Whyte.

Entire District Offers to Assist At Benefit Ball

Hospital Seen As Essential Institution to Many Communities

Last year nearly four times as many residents of nearby communities benefited by treatment at the Torrance Memorial Hospital as there were patients from the city of Torrance, proper. In 1934, out of 946 patients, only 258 lived in Torrance. And because this hospital performs such an essential service to this entire Southbay-Industrial area on a purely non-profit basis, leading physicians, surgeons, and other prominent professional and business men in six nearby cities are joining with similar groups in Torrance in an effort to wipe out an operating deficit of \$2000 which has accumulated due to shrinkage in the endowment during the depression.

Unless this indebtedness is paid up at once, continued operation of the hospital as a Class A institution will be endangered, according to officers of the hospital. Monthly income from the endowment left by the late Jared Sidney Torrance is now increasing, and if current obligations of some \$2000 are met, the deficit will be wiped out.

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SEWER DISTRICT GETS GRANT OF LARGE SUM FOR PROJECTS

Favorable Decision in Royalty Suit, Requiring Large Payments to Patentees, May Force Early Action On Outfall Sewer

According to Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, director of sanitation district No. 5, of the Metropolitan sewer district, word has been received of the outright grant of approximately \$252,000 in PWA funds, which will be used in the purchase of materials and rent of equipment for the completion of proposed sewer projects.

This sum represents 30 per cent of \$840,000, required for these proposed construction jobs.

At a meeting held this afternoon at Los Angeles, attended by directors from all of the districts, the proposition was to come under consideration, whether to sell bonds at private sale in the amount of the difference, of \$588,000, or to apply for a federal loan in this amount.

Early action in the completion of the outfall sewer at White's Point is expected, when these funds are available. Recently a favorable decision was rendered in the courts, in a suit brought by the patentees of the activated sludge process, whereby he is awarded a royalty on future use of the patent, and also is entitled to recover payment of all sums due under the royalty accrued for past usage. The process is in use at the Metropolitan Sewer District plant at the Poggi Ranch and has been for some years. As a result the district now finds itself required to make payment of considerable sums to the patentees for accrued royalties and obligated for the future as long as the process is in use.

The completion of the outfall sewer would do away with the necessity for using this patent process, and result in large savings to the district.

TWO INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Indicted by the federal grand jury Wednesday, James C. Fraze and Thomas Bryant, both of North Redondo, are expected to be arraigned in United States district court Monday on charges of passing counterfeit quarters in Redondo Beach.

Ball was set at \$1500 for each of the men, which had not been made yet Wednesday afternoon. Fraze is said to have been employed at a Torrance industrial plant.

Two counts are contained in the indictment. The first count accuses them of passing three counterfeit quarters to Mrs. J. B. Huff, while the second count charges them with passing two counterfeit quarters to Beulah Marc. The indictment was signed by William Fleet Palmer.

The pair were arrested Tuesday of last week by South Bay police and U. S. secret service agents. Fraze was held in the Hermosa Beach jail, while Bryant was lodged in the Redondo Beach jail at the instance of the secret service agents.

Following their arrest on the suspicion of passing and making spurious quarters and half dollars, the agents and police searched their homes, discovering bits of metal known as "babbitt" under the stoves in both houses, it is said. Chemical comparison of this metal with the coins which had been assertedly passed by the suspects is said to form a strong connecting link, bearing out the evidence against these men.

Legion Will Award Honor Medals Friday

Awards will be made tomorrow by the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post, to pupils of the elementary schools, in accordance with their annual custom of bestowing medals upon those pupils who have excelled in honor, courage, leadership, service and scholastic standing.

The award consists of a bronze medallion, a certificate, a bronze button for the boy and a brooch for the girl, who receive the honor. Selections are made by the principal and class teacher, and the names are not made public until the actual time arrives when the medals are presented. Contrary to the belief of some parents, the Legion has nothing to do with the selection of the pupils, but only presents the awards to those who are cited by the school authorities.

EQUIPMENT STOLEN

Tools, including a hydraulic jack, and 35 gallons of gasoline were reported stolen from the Oilfields Trucking Company plant Saturday night. The loss amounted to about \$50.

COMMENCEMENT TONIGHT

Commencement exercises for the winter class of 1935 will be held in the gymnasium at the high school at 8 o'clock tonight. A group of 21 will receive diplomas.

BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS MEN

Today, January 31, is the 42nd anniversary of the birth of Eddie Cantor, who was born January 31, 1892.

FAMOUS EVENTS IN HISTORY

William Goebel, governor of Kentucky, was assassinated January 31, 1900. (World Almanac gives the date, January 30.)

University Students Will Edit The Herald

The Torrance Herald will be edited by the journalism students of the University of Southern California for the issue of February 14 in one of their annual series of field trips to numerous community newspapers of the Southland.

Regular staff members will take a vacation while the S. C. Journalists take over the duties in connection with editing the week's issue. The student staff will be on duty from Monday until press time Thursday.

Organized by Marc N. Goodnow, field representative, and Roy L. French, director of the S. C. School of Journalism, the Herald project will be one of five undertaken during the week. The student reporters will gain experience in gathering, writing and editing all the news in the week's issue.

Supplementing the information given in class, the actual work on the newspaper gives the students a chance to try out their ideas and learn the operation of community publications.

Students who have been selected to work in editing the Herald include Dick Nash, who will act as managing editor; Margaret King, Myra Haynes and Theodore Gross; Trojan, S. C. student publication, while Miss King and Miss Haynes are literary and society editors, respectively. Gross is a reporter on the S. C. daily.

Later in the year junior and senior journalism students at S. C. will edit 10 daily newspapers of the Southland in addition to outside projects.

Small Claims May Be Filed In City Court

Beginning tomorrow, February 1, all persons who have occasion to file small claims cases in the local courts, may do so in the municipal court, which has concurrent jurisdiction in such matters with the justice court where they have heretofore been filed.

Judge Robert F. Leasing says that his court is prepared to handle these matters, which will be a great accommodation to merchants and others, who are now under the necessity of filing in the Inglewood justice court, which holds local sessions only one day a week, on Tuesday, as a temporary arrangement.

The municipal court will handle cases involving sums up to \$200, and all necessary forms for filing are now on hand.

Former Manager of Shoe Store Dies

Edmond M. Bine, formerly in charge of the shoe department at the Rappaport department store in Torrance, passed away in Los Angeles, Wednesday, January 23. Funeral services were held from the Pierce Mortuary, Friday morning, January 25, at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Bine resided in Torrance for several years, during his connection with the Rappaport store, but left here about five years ago on account of his poor health.

WATER COMPANY COLLECTS ALL BUT \$3.60

When officials of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company turned over their office to the City of Torrance last Thursday afternoon, all but three accounts for the current month, totaling \$3.60, had been paid, according to E. C. Nelson, former manager of the private utility. Two of the unpaid accounts, Mr. Nelson stated, were due from families who had left town.

COMPLETE COVERAGE

All Torrance Herald ads run in the Tri-City Shopping News without extra charge.

GROUND BROKEN FOR POSTOFFICE

Excavations were begun on Monday this week for the new Torrance postoffice building on Marcellina avenue. While the government allows eight months to complete the structure, Harold Hansen, general contractor, states that he expects to have the building ready for occupancy in six months.

Long Illness of Mrs. Stachowicz Closed By Death

Mrs. Carolina A. Stachowicz, 1437 Post avenue, passed away Monday, January 28, after an illness of the past year. She was 60 years of age. Mrs. Stachowicz was born in Poland, and came to the United States a number of years ago. She had been a resident of Torrance for the past 16 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Miss Wanda Stachowicz, of New York, who was called home several weeks ago by her mother's critical condition.

Rosary was held at the home Tuesday evening, January 29, and funeral services at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from the Catholic Church of the Nativity. Interment was made in the mausoleum at Calvary, Los Angeles.